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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ABSORBENT ARTICLE AND METHOD FOR THE DIRECTED DRAINAGE OF FLUIDS EMERGING IN A LOCALIZED MANNER, the specification of which

(check one) is filed herewith.

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(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 (a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) stated below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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WHEREAS:

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(hereinafter referred to as Assignor), has made an invention and has executed, on even date herewith, an application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor entitled:

ABSORBENT ARTICLE AND METHOD FOR THE DIRECTED DRAINAGE OF FLUIDS EMERGING IN A LOCALIZED MANNER

WHEREAS:

Kimberly-Clark GmbH, a corporation of the State of Deutschland, having offices at Werk Forchheim, 91299 Forchheim, Steinbühlstraße 7, Deutschland, (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and under said Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that in consideration of the payment by the Assignee to the Assignor of the sum of One U.S. Dollar (\$1.00 U.S.) and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers to the ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention and in and to all Letters Patent or similar legal protection in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries to be obtained for said invention by said application or any continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, renewal, substitute, re-examination, conversion or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted, including all convention rights.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ASSIGNOR has executed this document on the date indicated below:

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